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1. IF EXERCISE IS HELD, THERE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY IN LOCAL PRESS HERE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THESE EXERCISES HAVE BEEN HELD IN THE PAST AND THEY HAVE NOT CAUSED ANY PARTICULAR PROBLEMS FOR US.

2. THIS YEAR IS, OF COURSE, PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE, AND LOCAL PRESS HAS ALREADY MENTIONED IRANIAN "INVASION" OF OMAN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, ALTHOUGH GOK SPOKESMAN HAS DENIED THAT ANY SUCH THING HAS TAKEN PLACE. PRESS HAS ALSO MENTIONED US PLANS FOR "INVASION" OF ABU DHABI, ETC. AND THESE WOULD PROBABLY BE MENTIONED AGAIN.
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3. ON BALANCE, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT WE WOULD HAVE NO SERIOUS OBJECTION TO EXERCISE, PROVIDED THAT A) IT IS HELD IN THE GULF OF OMAN, AND B) PUBLICITY IS HELD TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM, PREFERABLY ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS. ANY PUBLICITY ON THE EXERCISE SHOULD STRESS IT IS ROUTINE ANNUAL AFFAIR FOR PURELY DEFENSIVE PURPOSES.
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